SUBJECT No. 626.

Travelling allowance to Amildars.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board.

Summary of Representation.—Amildars are given a *batta* of one rupee per day when they tour in their taluks and are not given any mileage. But the clerks who tour with the Amildars are given mileage and no *batta*. If the Amildars go out of their taluk they are entitled to get three rupees *batta*. This seems to be an anamoly. It is suggested that either the *batta* of one rupee paid to Amildars be stopped or the rules *re* the payment of *batta* or mileage be harmonized.

SUBJECT No. 627.

Batta and mileage to Amildars.

Mr. Tangli Narasimhaiengar, Kadur taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Instead of the fixed travelling allowance of one rupee per diem, now granted to the Amildars while on tour, they may be allowed to draw *batta* and mileage at the same rates at which other officers of similar rank are allowed.

SUBJECT No. 628.

Batta to taluk officials.

Messrs. Nadig Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board, and Volahatti Devappa, Gundlupet taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Sanction has been accorded to the grant of *batta* and travelling allowance to one taluk official and one peon accompanying the Amildar. This establishment suffices generally. A larger establishment is required, however, during the annual *hulbanni* sales, taluk *jamabandi*, and *Huzur jamabandi* when one official of each branch has to accompany the Amildar. To deprive any of them of their *batta* and travelling allowances for *bona fide* journeys made in the interests of Government does not appear to be fair. It is also submitted that the inconvenience to the public for supply of carts, etc., is in no way lessened by the present rules. For example an official travelling 18 miles would have to pay a cart hire of Rs. 2-4-0 at 2 annas a mile; but the *batta* allowed to him for the journey does not amount to more than six or seven annas at the most, as the official is not entitled to travelling allowance for journeys not exceeding 20 miles. It would be more convenient if one office cart is supplied by Government for the journeys of low paid officials.

SUBJECT No. 629.

Travelling allowance to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. Ramappa, Challakere taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Sub-Assistant Surgeons are allowed a mileage rate of two annas when they go out on circuit, while officers of equal status in other departments claim mileage at four annas. As Sub-Assistant Surgeons have to travel frequently in country roads during the prevalence of epidemics, it is very difficult to secure carts at the usual rates. It is therefore prayed that the rate may be increased to four annas.

SUBJECT No. 630.

Reformed Retrenchment Committee.

(*a*) Messrs. K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk, and N. Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur municipality.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) The Retrenchment Committee appointed by Government has been sitting for the past many years and it has reported that in some of the offices, a few low paid menials and such others only might be done away with. Such recommendations have been given effect to. With the exception of the above,

the public have not been able to know anything else. With a view to obtain the opinion as to how best reduction can be effected in all the departments of the State without sacrificing efficiency, it is prayed that a reformed Retrenchment Committee be constituted, consisting of not less than 9 members selected equally from the officials, competent retired officers and non-official members, and fixing a reasonable time for submission of the final report of such a Committee.

(*b*) Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(*b*) The results of the work of the Retrenchment Committee up-to-date may be summarised and published.

The Committee may be instructed to scrutinize all branches of the Public Service and Sub-Committee may be formed to expedite work.

SUBJECT No. 631.

The Retrenchment Committee.

Mr. K. Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The following items of expenditure are worthy of consideration by the Retrenchment Committee whose work is not known to the public at present.

(1) Amalgamation of the Survey department with the Revenue department;

(2) the abolition of the Government Book Depôt at Bangalore; and

(3) curtailment of Government Press establishment.

SUBJECT No. 632.

Appointment of an equal number of officials and non-officials in the Retrenchment Committee.

(1) Messrs. H. V. Rangaswamy, Hassan taluk, Mohamed Raza and S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality and S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(2) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of Representation.—Having regard to the fact that the Retrenchment Committee, which has been sitting these five years and more, has not applied its shears of economy with advantage either to the State or the tax-payer, and that the State has to incur extra expenses to carry out the progressive policy as recommended by the Economic Conference, it is prayed that an equal number of officials and non-officials be appointed to the Committee to suggest such changes in the State expenditure as they may deem fit. There is a growing feeling in the public that some of the departments are over-manned and that it is not in the nature of some departments, *e.g.*, the Geological department, to shrink when once they assume large dimensions.

(2) It is an admitted principle that the rate-payers should have a voice in the financial administration of the State. The Retrenchment Committee consists at present of only official members. To give the public an opportunity of taking part in the deliberations of the body, it is prayed that some non-official members may be appointed as members of the Committee.